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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS - PUERTO RICO

REF: (A) STATE 178439, (B) STATE 181500, (C) STATE 181798, (D) MASERU

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1. CHARGE CALLED ON PERMSEC, MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS, THABO R. MAKEKA JULY 28 TO DISCUSS, INTER ALIA, PUERTO RICO AND DELIVER AIDE MEMOIRE TRANSMITTED REFTEL C.

2. DRAWING HEAVILY ON TALKING POINTS PARA 4, REFTEL A, CHARGE STRESSED UNDESIRABILITY OF ANY REFERENCE TO PUERTO RICO AT EITHER NAM MEETING OR UN REGULAR SEASON. CHARGE ESPECIALLY EMPHASIZED EXPECTED SEVERITY OF U.S. DOMESTIC POLITICAL REACTION TO DISCUSSION AT NAM OR UNGA OF WHAT U.S. PUBLIC AND CONGRESS PERCEIVE AS DOMESTIC MATTER.

3. MAKEKA THANKS CHARGE AND EXPLAINED THAT TIGHT SCHEDULE PRECLUDED FONMIN ATTENDING. HOWEVER, FONMIN IS FAMILIAR AND SYMPATHETIC WITH U.S. POSITION ON PUERTO RICO. MAKEKA FURTHER ASSURED CHARGE THAT GOL, THOUGH NOT POWERFUL VOICE IN NAM, WOULD SUPPORT U.S. POSITION AT COLOMBO AND UNGA. IN CLOSING, MAKEKA STATED THAT HE WILL FULLY
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BRIEF FONMIN ON DISCUSSION.

4. INFORMALLY, MAKEKA STATED THAT HE SERIOUSLY DOUBTED ANY
RESOLUTION ON PUERTO RICO WILL COME OUT OF COLOMBO.
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